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15th July, 1968.

Mr. G. Stevens,  
40 Grenfell Road,  
MOUNT WAVERLEY. 3149.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 7th July, 1968, seeking information regarding the service of your grandfather and great grandfather as Lightkeepers in Victorian Lighthouses, it is regretted that this Department has no records of their service.

However, it is suggested that you contact the Archives Section of the Public Library which institution may be of assistance in providing the information sought.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. Wagglan

Chief Engineer

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40 Grenfell Rd

22 July 1965

The Archivist  
The Public Library  
Swanston St.  
Melbourne 3000

Dear Sir,

I have been referred to you by the Ports & Harbours  
Branch of the State Public Office, in my search for  
historical information about my great grandfather and  
grandfather.

Both these forebears of mine were lighthouse keepers  
in the Victorian coastal lighthouses, and I am endeavouring  
to reconstruct their respective appointments in the service.

If you could be of assistance to me in this matter,  
I would appreciate it very much indeed.

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31st July, 1968.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 24th July, I have to inform you that you have not stated the exact names of your grandfather and great-grandfather, but on the assumption that the surname was 'Stevens' the information given below may be of interest. This information has been taken from Victorian Blue Books and from Public Service Lists published annually in the Victorian Government Gazette. The Archives Division does not hold records relating to the Lighthouse service.

- (1) W. Stevens His name appears only in the Blue Book of 1887, and the Public Service Lists of 1887 and 1888, the entry of 1888 giving the following particulars :

Assistant Lighthouse keeper, Cape Otway, age 59,\* first appointed February 1858, 28 years in service - services not continuous.

- (2) G.F.W. Stevens His name appears in Blue Books and Public Service Lists between 1890 and 1915, and from the entries his career up to 1915 appears to have been as follows :

Born 6.3.1866. First appointment 17.4.89 as Assistant Lighthouse keeper, served at Split Point, Cape Nelson, Pt. Lonsdale. From 1.7.99 Senior Assistant Lighthouse keeper. From 14.1.1903 Lighthouse keeper, served at Cape Nelson, Split Point, Cape Schanck.

His name does not appear in the Lists after 1915. At about this time the Commonwealth Government assumed authority over certain Victorian Lighthouses and it is possible that Stevens was transferred to the Commonwealth Service. I suggest you inquire of the Commonwealth Archivist, Archives Office, Outer Crescent, Middle Brighton, Victoria 3186, for information about Stevens' career subsequent to 1915.

Yours faithfully,

  
(H. W. Nunn)  
Senior Archivist.

Mr. George Stevens,  
40 Grenfell Road,  
MOUNT WAVERLEY,  
Victoria 3149.

\* WILLIAM STEVENS WAS BORN IN 1829. IF  
HE WAS FIRST APPOINTED IN 1858, HE MUST  
HAVE BEEN 29 YEARS OF AGE - NOT 59 AS  
STATED ABOVE

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The Commonwealth Archives  
Archives Office  
Cairns Branch  
Middle Brighton 3186

Dear Sir:

Re: G.F.W. Stevens - Lighthouse Keeper.

I have been referred to you by Mr H.H. Nunn,  
Senior Archivist of the Victorian State Library, in  
my search for details of the service of my Victorian  
lighthouse of my grandfather, the late Mr G.F.W. Stevens.

Mr Nunn has given me certain facts up to 1915.  
After that date it seems that the Commonwealth has  
assumed authority over certain Victorian lighthouses.  
I can only assume that from 1915 onwards, any  
details of service of my grandfather would have  
appeared in Commonwealth Gazette.

I would appreciate it if you would also search

for the relevant details for me, or allow me  
access to the archives in order that I may search.  
Should you choose the former course, in order  
to assist you in positive identification, my  
grandfather was born 6 March 1866, and in  
1915 it is believed he was at Riffy Island.

Yours etc.